

3. New system claims 55-63 and 85 are directed to attributes of the system disclosed on pages 20, 35, and 37, and in figures 3, 6, 9g, 10a, and 10c. New computer program claims 64-84 are all based upon new or existing system claims. The new claims are allowable, because they depend from independent claims indicated allowable by the examiner.
4. A credit card authorization form is enclosed for the payment of excess claim fees (\$261 for 29 additional claims).
5. The examiner is encouraged to contact Richard Ward at 781-316-0118 or via e-mail if he has any questions or comments regarding this submission.

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37. (Amended) A system for the correspondent-centric management of e-mail messages which are sent and/or received by users of the system, said system comprising:

a) a message data table for storing at least a portion of sent and/or received e-mail messages as message records;

b) a correspondent data table for storing correspondent records which include information related to correspondents of users of the system; and,

c) a message-correspondent relationship data table for storing message-correspondent relationship records which link portions of sent and/or received e-mail messages within the message data table to correspondent records within the correspondent data table,

wherein message-correspondent relationship records within the message-correspondent relationship data table include message identification fields which relate to message records stored within the message data table, and wherein message-correspondent relationship records within the message-correspondent relationship data table further include correspondent identification fields which relate to correspondent records within the correspondent data table;

and wherein the message data table stores only a single message record of each of the sent and/or received e-mail messages regardless of plurality of correspondents in the e-mail messages, and the single message record is automatically linked to the plurality of correspondents using the message-correspondent relationship records.

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53. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium which is used in a system for the correspondent-centric management of e-mail messages which are sent and/or received by users of the system, said program comprising:

a) a code segment that parses information from a sent and/or received e-mail message;

b) a code segment that stores portions of the sent and/or received e-mail messages as message records within a message data table;

c) a code segment that stores correspondent information from the sent and/or received e-mail message within correspondent records which include information related to correspondents of users of the system; and,

d) a code segment that stores message-correspondent relationship records which link portions of sent and/or received e-mail messages within the message data table to correspondent records within the correspondent data table,

wherein the message-correspondent relationship records within the message-correspondent relationship data table include message identification fields which relate to portions of sent and/or received e-mail messages stored within the message data table, and wherein message-correspondent relationship records within the message-correspondent relationship data table further include correspondent identification fields which relate to correspondent records within the correspondent data table;

and wherein the message data table stores only a single message record of each of the sent and/or received e-mail messages regardless of plurality of correspondents in the

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